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Workshops request public input about State Highway 44

Workshops will be held in Middleton and Eagle next week

MERIDIAN – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) and the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) will host two workshops next week to ask for public input about State Highway 44. These workshops launch the S.H. 44 Corridor Preservation Study, which will be completed by autumn 2008.

The S.H. 44 Corridor Preservation Study is a partnership between COMPASS and ITD. The study area is between Eagle Road and Interstate 84 in Caldwell.

The workshops will be held:

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

4-8 p.m.

Fine Arts Center, 115 W. Main

Middleton

Thursday, May 25, 2006

4-8 p.m.

Eagle Christian Church gymnasium

100 Short Road (S.H. 44 and Short Road)

Eagle

Presentations about the study will start on the hour beginning at 4 p.m. There will be discussion opportunities following each presentation.

S.H. 44 connects Ada and Canyon counties and is one of only three east/west highways carrying traffic between Boise and Caldwell. Land along the highway is being developed at a rapid rate. The purpose of the study is to ensure that S.H. 44 remains a vital and functional east/west connection.

Throughout the study, local elected officials, agencies and city planners will meet to coordinate decision making on issues like access management (how many businesses, subdivisions, etc. have direct access to the highway), land use and development.

COMPASS and ITD seek input from the public, local elected officials, agencies and city planners on matters concerning:

- A vision for how the communities would like the highway to function
- The improvements and actions necessary for the vision to be implemented
- The location of a future Middleton alternate route

For information about this study or to provide comments, please visit the Web site at www.itd.idaho.gov, go to Get Involved, choose Southwest Idaho, click on S.H. 44 Corridor Preservation Study.

MEDIA NOTE: The media is welcome to attend either or both of the workshops on May 24 or 25. Please contact Terri Schorzman, COMPASS, at 855-2558 ext. 231 if you plan to attend.

Se les recomienda a las personas que necesiten un intérprete o arreglos especiales que llamen a la coordinadora de participación pública, Gwen Smith, al (208) 334-4444 ó TDD/TDY (208) 334-4458.

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